

The North Carolina Award

The North Carolina Awards were instituted by the 1961 General Assembly, which acted on the idea of Dr. Robert Lee Humber of Greenville, State Senator from Pitt County. These prestigious awards, as set forth in the General Statutes, recognize “notable accomplishments by North Carolina citizens in the fields of scholarship, research, the fine arts and public leadership.” They represent the highest honor the State of North Carolina can bestow upon a citizen. Awards are presented annually to individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to artistic and literary expression, scientific achievement, and civic leadership.



The North Carolina Award, designed by eminent sculptor Paulanship (1885-1966)

Awards Categories

“These recognitions shall be known as the North Carolina Awards for Literature, Science, the Fine Arts and Public Service, and shall be conferred upon citizens of North Carolina for the most notable attainments in these respective fields during the current year...and for eminence achieved during years prior to the award.” (NCGS §140A-2)

Individuals may be nominated in the following categories. Select a category to read about past recipients in that field, or click [here](#) to review an alphabetical list of all recipients.

- [Fine Arts](#)
- [Literature](#)
- [Public Service](#)
- [Science](#)

Awards Eligibility

- Recipients must have made significant, documented contributions to the State of North Carolina in one of the awards categories.
- Recipients must have been born in North Carolina *or*, if originally from elsewhere, must be current residents of North Carolina.
- Recipients must agree to attend the awards presentation to receive the award.



The North Carolina Awards program is administered by the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources, a state agency with the mission to enrich lives and communities, as well as the vision to harness the state’s cultural resources to build North Carolina’s social, cultural and economic future. Information is available 24/7 at www.ncculture.com.

Awards Nomination Process

Nomination Guidelines

- **Nomination forms must be received or postmarked on or before April 15, 2013.**
- Nominations will be accepted by mail, delivery, or e-mail.
- Nominations may be made by anyone, including oneself.
- An individual or organization may make multiple nominations during the same year.
- Posthumous nominations will not be accepted.
- The identities of all nominees shall remain confidential.

Nomination Package

A nomination package should contain the following materials:

REQUIRED

- ✓ Nomination Form
- ✓ Cover Letter
- ✓ Nominee's CV or Bio

RECOMMENDED

- ✓ Support Letters
- ✓ Articles, Photographs & Publications
- ✓ Examples of Work

- Please submit six (6) copies of the complete nomination package.
- Letters of support may follow the initial nomination if necessary.
- When submitting books or other media, please note that they will only be shared with the entire Committee for advance review if enough copies are received; otherwise, they will be held on file until the Committee gathers to meet.
- Nominators will be notified that the nomination package has been received.
- Nomination packages for nominees not selected in the current year will be kept on file and considered one (1) additional year. If the nominee isn't selected in the second year, a new, updated nomination package will be required for the nominee to be considered in a future awards cycle. Past nomination materials will not be returned nor retained.

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Awards Selection Process

Awards Cycle At-A-Glance

Call for Nominations	February 2013	Statewide distribution of press releases announcing the awards nomination process
Nomination Deadline	April 15, 2013	Deadline for nominations to be postmarked or received by the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources
Committee Review	Spring 2013	Independent review of the nominations by the members of the Awards Committee
Selection & Notification	Summer 2013	Meeting of the Awards Committee to select recipients; phone calls to winning nominees and written notification to all nominators
Awards Ceremony	Fall 2013	Presentation of the awards by the Governor of North Carolina at a special ceremony

Awards Review

Awards recipients are chosen by the North Carolina Awards Committee, a selection committee of five (5) members appointed by the Governor. The Committee reviews the nominations and may select one or more nominees in each of the four (4) categories. At the Committee's discretion, a nominee may be moved to a different category than originally nominated. Factors considered in the selection process include:

- Span and scope of career
- Voluntary public service
- Legacy of work
- Current projects
- Awards and honors

Awards Statutes

- Annual awards are not to exceed six (6) in number.
- Awards may be made annually to native-born North Carolinians, living outside of North Carolina, for preeminent accomplishment in no more than two (2) of the fields.
- No award shall be made in any field unless the selection committee deems the recognized accomplishment to be outstanding in merit, value, and distinction.